

Letter from Lamoine Planning Board

January 16, 2014

To: Lamoine Board of Selectmen
From: Lamoine Planning Board

In Re: Recommended revisions to the Lamoine Gravel Ordinance

Dear Jo, Bernie, Cynthia, Gary, and Nate:

We, as a Board, find it difficult to understand the Select Board's failure to respond to our unanimously adopted revisions to the Gravel Ordinance, forwarded to you on September 17 and November 12, 2013. We write to you now to ask that you consider these recommendations in a public meeting and clearly state to the Planning Board your intentions regarding them.

The three revisions emerged from discussions we started soon after last year's Town Meeting. Over six months, we worked to develop language that would receive the full support of the Planning Board and reach the following goals:

1. remove inconsistencies and clarify the appeals process(Section 7G);
2. make it permissible for existing operators to extract sand and gravel within the new 100' buffer zone (to the old 50' setback) with the stipulation that any such extraction would be followed immediately by restoration (Section 8A);
3. clarify and simplify the depositing of funds in Gravel Pit Restoration accounts to ensure that funds will exist for restoration regardless of changes of ownership, financial distress of an operator, etc. (Section 8D).

We have attached the text of these three amendments. The motions passed without a negative vote by the Planning Board read: "to recommend [these] revisions to the Board of Selectmen for adoption by the Town Meeting".

We have received no indication that the Select Board has received these recommendations and no information regarding your questions about them or plans to present them at the next March Town Meeting. We respectfully await your response to this memorandum.

Gordon Donaldson, Secretary